

Election

Applicant elects the Group I invention of claims 1-7 drawn to a semiconductor device for further examination. Applicant also elects Species I (Figs. 1-7) of the Group I invention for initial examination. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 and 7 may be interpreted as corresponding to Species I of the Group I invention. This election is without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Species I of the Group I invention has been elected for initial examination. Claims 1-4 and 7 may be interpreted as corresponding to Species I of the Group I invention. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

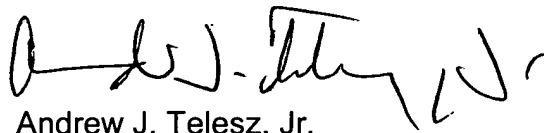
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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